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## He Liked The Spirit Testimony About Clarke College



REV. W. LOWREY COMPERE

By Rev. W. Lowrey Compere

I did not attend Clarke College, but I love the school as if I had attended it. Every contact I have had with Clarke through the years has served to deepen my appreciation for "Mississippi's most usual college."

My first impressions came from some former Clarke students I knew at Mississippi College. They were some of the very finest we had - men with earnest purpose and excellent spirit. Judging Clarke by them, I formed a good opinion.

Some years later when I had the privilege of working in a mission week at Clarke, I was delighted with the spirit on the campus, the quality of students, and the outstanding contribution the college was making to the program of Christ.

But the experience that really gave Clarke its permanent place in my heart was seeing this unusual college take a man who surrendered a little late in life to God's call to preach and give him his chance to go from (Continued on Page Two)

## DR. CLAUD BOWEN TO SPEAK AT SEMINARY CONFERENCE

### Dr. John A. Mackay to Preach and Lecture March 8-12

Five of the nation's outstanding Christian leaders will be at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, as featured speakers for the annual Pastor's Conference, March 8-12. Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., will be both lecturer and preacher, lecturing each morning and preaching each night. The general theme for the conference is: "The Strategies of Christian World Conquest," and Dr. Mackay will speak on, "Who Will win the World?"

Tuesday morning, March 9, Dr. Claud Bowen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will speak on, "The Pastoral Strategy;" Wednesday morning, Dr. Solon Cousins, head of the Bible department of the University of Richmond, Richmond, Va., "The Educational Strategy;" Thursday morning, Dr. Edward Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., "The Civic-Social Strategy;" and Friday morning, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Baptist missionary to South America, "The Missionary Strategy."

All regular sessions will be held at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. Conferences will be held each afternoon at the Seminary.



DR. CLAUD BOWEN

## Doctor Ohrn Accepts World Alliance Post

At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance held in Washington, D. C., October 8, the Rev. A. T. Ohrn, D. D., of Oslo, Norway, was nominated for the office of General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. A poll was taken of the members of the Executive Committee, which according to the New Constitution has the right to elect a secretary. At a meeting of the Administrative Committee on December 2, it was announced that Dr. Ohrn had been elected. He was duly notified. On December 23, a cablegram was received from Dr. Ohrn accepting the position to which he had been elected.

Dr. Ohrn was born of Norwegian-American parents in Wisconsin, U. (Continued on Page Two)

## THE YEAR IN RELIGION

By Winfred E. Garrison  
(Professor Emeritus of Church History)  
(University of Chicago)

General approval greeted the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1947 to the American and British Friends Service Committees. The Quakers have been foremost in the work of postwar relief and rehabilitation in which Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish agencies have been active.

Observers will probably agree that the American churches have been busier than usual in the pursuit of their own institutional ends. Most churches have had substantial increases in membership, larger attendance at services, more local activity, and ampler funds for carrying on their work.

The accumulated need for new or enlarged buildings has been reflected in many plans, but less actual construction has been launched than was anticipated at the beginning of the year, when it was reported that church building projects totaling \$650,000,000 were about to be undertaken.

Reasons for the hesitation to sign contracts and start building will be (Continued on Page Two)

## Form International Association Of Former Priests

ROME —(RNS)— An international association of former Roman Catholic priests is being organized in Florence, where a center has already been established. Sponsors of the organization, who first met in association's purposes were clarified.

Among those attending the meeting was the Rev. Anthony Caliendo, a member of the American Committee for Assistance to Former Priests, and an assistant editor of The Converted Catholic Magazine, a monthly published in New York City.

It was announced that one aim of the organization will be to exert (Continued on Page Two)

## Relief Funds Confiscated From Romanian Baptists

RICHMOND, Va. —(RNS)— Funds entrusted to Romanian Messengers at the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, last summer for relief work in their country were confiscated by Romanian authorities, it was revealed here by Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

"Realizing that it was difficult for us to transfer funds readily from America to Romania," Dr. Sadler said, "I endorsed four New York drafts aggregating \$10,000, and handed them to one of the delegates. I also entrusted him with American Express Company checks amount to \$1,090. It was understood, of course, that these funds would be used to relieve suffer-

ing, and to support the work which our board has been sponsoring in Romania for many years."

Dr. Sadler stated he received a cablegram early in October which read:—"Stop payments drafts. Drafts confiscated by customs in Bucharest. Explanation follows."

The explanation came a month later in the form of a letter which read:

"Perhaps you did not understand it, but the drafts which you gave our Romanian delegates at Copenhagen were confiscated at Bucharest when these boys landed at the airport. They were not given time even to declare the money or to go to the bank to sell it. The boys were put in prison for several days, and no one even knew that they had arrived."

## Prayer, Evangelism, Stewardship Are Listed As 1948 Emphasis Of Southern Baptists

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)— The year 1948 will have four great emphases for Southern Baptists, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, announced as 1947 passed into history.

These emphases, according to Dr. McCall, are:

1. Prayer
2. Evangelism
3. Tithing

4. Stewardship Enlistment - (Editor's Note: See article on another page outlining this emphasis in full.)

The realization of all four will mean a great revival among all the denomination's constituency. Dr. McCall pre-

dicted.

Outlining of the 1948 program was accomplished by the Executive Committee at its December meeting, as leaders viewed 1947 victories in soul winning and tithing. In soul-winning, 1947 witnessed an all-time record in baptisms, as estimated 280,000 being reported as compared to the previous high of 269,155 in 1939. In the tithing emphasis, indications are that more than a million Baptists were tithing their income through the church at year's end.

Feb. 1 Baptist Alliance Day

Dr. McCall said there will be several focal points in the year's work, but (Continued on Page Two)

## Sunday January 11 Is "Every Family Clothe A Family Day"



## THE YEAR IN RELIGION

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evident to anyone who has recently tried to get the south porch enclosed or a new set of front steps built.

Lutherans from thirty countries, meeting at Lund, Sweden, June 30, formed a Lutheran World Federation. The Baptist World Alliance crowded the little city of Copenhagen with 5,000 visitors at the end of July. The seventh Methodist Ecumenical Conference met at Springfield, Mass., late in August. The Disciples of Christ held a World Convention at Buffalo, N. Y., early in August.

Tensions must be recorded as well as signs of growing unity. Divergent views in regard to certain church-state relationships have been the occasion for sharp disagreements and increasingly heated arguments between Protestants and Roman Catholics. These pertain especially to the "Vatican embassy" and to the expenditure of public funds for parochial schools.

As soon as the appointment of Mr. Myron Taylor was made, in December 1939, as the President's "personal representative with the rank of Ambassador" to the Vatican vigorous protests were made. The Protestant critics objected particularly to the fact that the envoy was sent to the Pope "as head of the Roman Catholic Church" and not as the sovereign of a state.

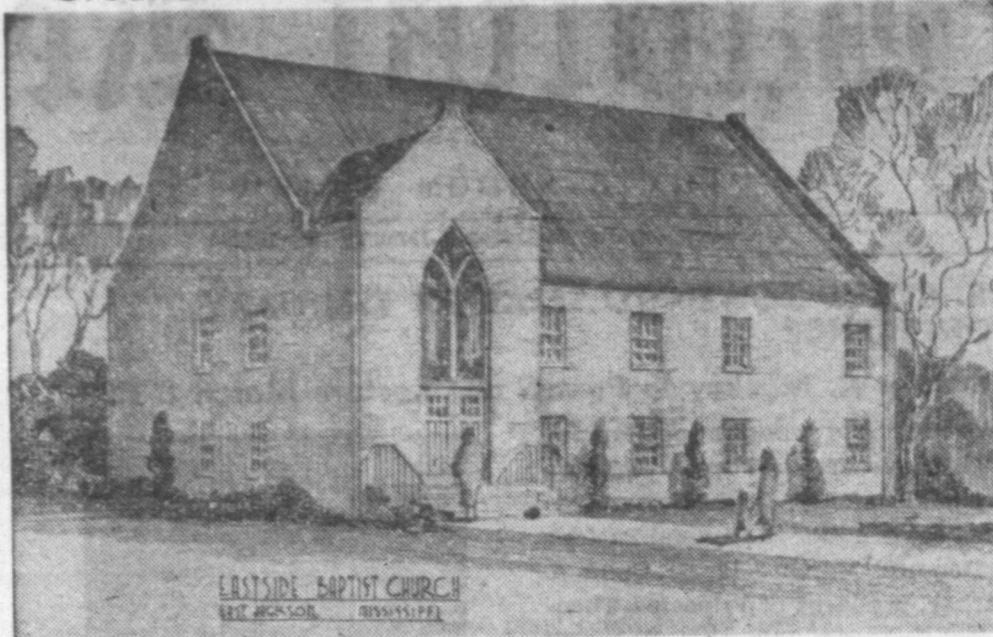
The protests continued intermittently through the war years and were renewed soon after the end of hostilities. In June 1946, the President authorized the statement that permanent diplomatic relations were never intended and that the appointment would terminate no later than the signing of the peace treaties. This assurance was renewed in November 1947.

Among Catholic highlights were: the decision of the Italian Constituent Assembly to make the Lateran Treaty of 1929 an integral part of the Italian constitution; the canonization of several new saints in Rome; the great number of congregations which met in Rome to elect new superiors general; and the approval given by the Vatican for the creation of an international relief organization to coordinate the activities of Catholic welfare groups in all countries.

The outstanding event of Jewish interest was the UN decision to partition Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. A question of great importance that has yet to be answered is the position religion will occupy in the new Jewish state. Officials of the Jewish Agency for Palestine declared that one of the more ticklish problems will be to reach a compromise between orthodox Jews, who will want the Jewish religious law to be basic to the next state, and Jews of other beliefs.

At the same time, the status of minority groups in the Holy Land will have to be decided. Christian groups are asking whether full freedom of religion will be guaranteed by the Jewish state and whether Christian missionaries will be permitted to continue their work unhampered. This would mean the unrestricted right to carry on proselytizing programs.

## Ground Broken For New Eastside Church



Ground was broken on Sunday, January 4 for the new Eastside Church in East Jackson. The church was organized 17 years ago and the current building fund program launched in 1945. Cash and pledges raised at Sunday's ground breaking totalled approximately \$1,500.

The Pastor is Rev. L. S. Polk and more than 100 members have been

added during his pastorate.

First Pastor of the Church was Rev. R. E. Larson. The original church lot was donated by Mrs. C. B. Sullivan, and another donation by Mrs. Rush Knox added a new strip of land to the church grounds. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Rev. L. S. Polk and Dr. D. A. McCall were the speakers at morning and night services.

## DOCTOR OHRN ACCEPTS WORLD ALLIANCE POST

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S. A. When ten years of age, he moved to Oslo, where he has since resided. He studied in the University of Oslo. He served several years as professor in the Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary. During the war, upon the death of O. J. Oie, he became the president of the institution. He has also served as Secretary of the Norwegian Baptist Mission Committee, which has work in the Belgian Congo.

Dr. Ohrn will begin his work as secretary July 1, 1948. It is expected that later in the summer he will move to Washington, D. C.

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## PRAYER, EVANGELISM, STEWARDSHIP ARE LISTED AS 1948 EMPHASIS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

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that the first will be Baptism World Alliance Sunday, February 1. The first Sunday in February has been designated for several years as a time for world Baptist fellowship through prayer and study, he said. But the emphasis will be strengthened this year through an appeal for all American Baptists to give liberally in a special offering to be divided of activities of the world Baptist organization.

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## HE LIKED THE SPIRIT

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the plow to the pulpit and to become one of our substantial, useful pastors. This man was still comparatively young, though a bit older than his Pastor. He had very little formal education, was married and had several small children. He had so far to go that when he talked to me about hearing God's call to preach I secretly wondered if he were not mistaken. But I did not tell him of my fears. I told him I would help him to prepare himself to serve in response to that call. We got him in Clarke College. He moved his family into one

of the cottages on the campus. Then he started up the long, long hill ahead — making up some elementary work, high school work, and then college. He was and is a man of faith and his is a story of great determination and adventure!

From far behind he made the grade, — but not without hardships — and not without the sympathetic understanding and aid of students and faculty in a school that through the years has helped men struggle through hardships to success for Christ.

Now for a number of years this man of faith has been serving as Pastor of some of our strong half-time churches in South Mississippi. He is progressive and leads his church in a well-rounded program. Beloved of his people and living a life rich in service, he stands as an outstanding example of the fact that "Clarke meets a need that only Clarke can meet."

Editor's Note: Rev. Compere, pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Jackson, is President of the Board of Trustees of the Newton school, which is Mississippi Baptists' Junior College. Dr. D. A. McCall of Jackson is directing a campaign for funds to enlarge the college greatly in 1948. The need is great for the repairing and enlarging of this popular Junior college. Editor A. L. Goodrich is director of Baptist Record publicity.

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## FORM INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORMER PRIESTS

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pressure upon the Italian government for "the juridical rehabilitation" of former Catholic priests, who under present laws, are barred from public teaching or civil service posts. Other objectives of the association were listed as follows:

To assist, morally and materially, former priests and to organize them in an attempt to reform Catholicism "by external action inspired by evangelical principles;" to establish a relief fund and scholarships; to found a model free towns were religious

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 4, 1948

	SS	BTU
Brookhaven, First	822	187
Jackson, Northside	345	126
Jackson, Van Winkle	370	215
Jackson, Calvary	1330	328
Jackson, Calvary including		
Stone Street Mission	1375	360
Jackson, First	1179	420
Jackson, Davis Memorial	333	109
Jackson, South Side	110	108
Byram	102	92
Center Ridge, Yazoo County	60	48
Carmel, Lauderdale County	63	63
Hattiesburg, Main St.	711	258
Hattiesburg, Fifth Ave.	457	154
Friendship, Pike County	188	110
Laurel, Beacon	260	85
Gulfport, First	446	137
Chester, Choctaw County	45	
Tupelo, Harrisburg	316	110
Booneville, First	245	115
Louisville, Murphy Creek	86	51
Ellison Ridge, Winston County	110	62
New Prospect, Lewishburg	78	71
Houlka, Chickasaw County	96	35
Greenville, First	643	220
East Columbia	70	
Chalysbeate	59	38
Pascagoula, First	606	182
Center, Union County	145	46
Centerville	162	68
Batesville, First	227	56
Antioch, Lawrence County	79	77
New Zion, Copiah County	83	48
Wallerville	81	50
Corinth, Tate Street	247	97
Crystal Spring	634	96
New Albany, First	513	180
New Albany including North		
Side Mission	533	
West Laurel	460	128
Bruce	193	58
Oloh, Marion County	98	103
Rocky Springs, Yazoo County	34	
Sardis	176	44
Liberty Hill, Panola County	63	23
Darling	66	39
Columbus, First	732	192
Mt. Vernon, Leflore County	68	75

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Saturday night, December 20th, the Belhaven BSU gave their annual Christmas party. It was on the theme of a radio program. Many prizes were given away to those lucky enough to be chosen for the quiz programs. Everyone brought a present, which was put under the Christmas tree and given out later. Cakes, candy, and cokes were served to the Belhaven girls and boys from Mississippi College. MAGARET SHIPP, reporter.

problems may be freely discussed.

The association's leaders in Italy are Ferdinand Tartaglia, a former Catholic priest, and Caspari Ricci, another ex-priest, who is now a Baptist pastor in Naples. Caspari is said to be strongly in favor of orienting the new group toward Protestantism.

## Tartaglia Excommunicated

Tartaglia came into prominence last year when a decree of excommunication was issued against him by the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office in Rome on charges of spreading heretical doctrines. He was the first priest to have been excommunicated for life within the last thirty-six years.

Under the excommunication decree, the former priest was classed as a vitandus—a person to be especially shunned by the Catholic faithful. Catholics are not allowed to hold communion with a vitandus, even in secular matters, so far as can be avoided, the only exception being members of his family. A vitandus must not be buried in any sacred place, and if this ban is ignored the body may be exhumed and interred elsewhere.

EVERY WEEK IS BAPTIST RECORD WEEK—OUR AIM 61,000



# Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12

## Every one of our 1550 Mississippi Baptist churches is credited with a contribution for the work of Christ through the Co-operative Program for 1947! Doxology!

I

### WHAT WE FACE IN 1948!

1. Soul winning. Will we go "all out" in soul winning? The day of the once a year revival is gone and it is well so! Soul winning is to be a perennial experience of the Christian, the church, and the denomination! Some churches have two and three revivals a year! Some churches have revival fruits the year around! In Proverbs God says, "He that winneth souls is wise." In Daniel we are told, "They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever." Read Ezekiel 3 and 33. In the closing verses of Isaiah we are told that some will bring the souls of their brethren as an offering unto the Lord! The Old Testament is replete with teachings regarding evangelistic action.

In John, first chapter, we see a brother bringing a brother to Jesus! What is better?

Jesus talks with the woman at the well, with Nicodemus, with Zaccheus and many others! What is better than the example of Jesus?

Whether a Convention votes it or not - and it does - we have the responsibility and opportunity of soul winning!

Whether your church endorses it or not, God's word tells us we should tell the lost about Jesus! Matthew 28:18-20. Mark 16:15. Acts 1:8. Romans 10.

We face the task of soul winning in 1948!

"Into the tent where a gipsy boy lay, Dying alone at the close of the day, News of salvation we carried, said he: 'Nobody ever has told it to me!' Tell it again! Tell it again! Salvation's story repeat o'er and o'er. Till none can say of the children of men, 'Nobody ever has told me before.'"

2. Tithes and Offerings. God always has had a plan for the support of His work financially - tithes and offerings. The percentage always has been the same - from 10% to some who gave 100%! God's people have enough money to do God's work adequately! Will we do it? Well, we are growing in our giving! After 2,000 - 4,000 years God's people were robbing Him in Old Testament days - Malachi 3! After 2,000 years of Christian history God's people are assured blessing, I will not pour out on still robbing Him! Today we give Him on an average of 3% instead of a minimum of 10%! Hundreds of His churches have not even put on the tithing emphasis! Thousands of His followers each year have no part in the financial support of His work! When will we take God at His word? When His people do not follow Him, how can they blame the lost for not obeying Him?

His people are to support His work! We may not expect Satan's crowd to support His work! We may expect God's people to support His work!

The King's Business will pick up when we do His work His way! I Corinthians 16. II Corinthians 8 and 9.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, All your money, talents, time and love; Consecrate them all upon the altar; While your Saviour from above speaks sweetly, Trust Me, try Me, prove Me, saith the Lord of hosts, and see if a blessing, unmeasured blessing, I will not pour out on thee."

3. Co-operative Program. The ability to cooperate is a mark of sanity! People who are not sane cannot work together very well!

A Program is a plan of action! "We are workers together with God." II Corinthians 6:1.

In the Co-operative Program we experience all of this and more!

The children worked together in the Exodus! They worked together and gave together in the building of the Tabernacle and the temple! Exodus 25 and 35! They worked and gave together in rebuilding Jerusalem. Read Ezra and Nehemiah!

The disciples of Jesus worked together. Matthew 10. The members of the first New Testament churches worked, prayed, and gave together - read the Acts of the Apostles!

The Co-operative Program is the greatest channel we know anything about in channeling financial support to all the work of Christ. It is both Old Testament and New Testament giving in action! It helps to dethrone selfishness! It tends to remember all causes of Christ!

See that your church - His church - is listed among the active churches in this regard early in 1948.

We go together! We work together! We walk together! We worship together! We give together!

"Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold." Do we mean that as we sing it?

We face the Co-operative Program challenge in 1948 - helping all causes!

4. Clarke College. As a pastor we were for all causes, all institutions, all departments, all His work! As executive secretary we were for all causes, all institutions, all departments, all His work! As executive secretary we rejoice in our opportunity of helping all the work - not just one phase of it!

Leading in the debt campaign we were helping not one but all four of our individual educational institutions! We were glad to give Blue Mountain some help both as pastor and as executive secretary. The last special offering taken in our church in the pastorate was for the Orphanage. We have helped Woman's College. We led for three months in the Mississippi College Campaign! We led in the Hospital Campaign!

Now comes the turn of Clarke Memorial - Mississippi's most unusual school! Mississippi Baptists will make the mistake of all - time if they fail to help this little brother among our schools - NOW - a brother that has pretty well grown up!

It is the only school among us so far as we know with one or more Indian students, Eskimo student,

Parchman convert, etc. We do not know of a school helping the under privileged student to the point that Clarke College is we do not know of a school with a finer spirit on the campus than Clarke College. We do not of a school anywhere that goes further in holding the love and loyalty of the Alumni that is seen with Clarke College.

We left it alone to die! It wouldn't die! It should not live in poverty! It should experience abundant life!

We face the issue of \$350,000 for Clarke College in 1948

5. In addition we face many other problems in spiritual living, victorious living, home problems, Bible reading, prayer, confession, worship, Golden rule, etc.

We face the problem of giving the Gospel to a sin laden and weary world! There are more lost people in the world today than when Jesus was here in the flesh!

We need full time churches, a better prepared ministry, a finer trained laity, etc!

We need churches with spiritual power that the devil cannot ignore and that men dare not kick around.

We need more and better buildings for the worship services! We need better organized church in His services! We need better organized churches in His service!

We need more evangelists, educational directors, and singers. We need more associational missionaries! We must do more for our negro brethren! We must go further and faster into the rural areas! We should obey Jesus in taking the Gospel across the seas! Good literature should be scattered everywhere! Christian love should reign supreme! Every department in His work should be strengthened! Every institution worthily doing His work should be built up! Then may we truly expect "the knowledge of the Lord to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

II

According to figures in hand our total Mississippi Baptist receipts for the Convention year were \$1,901,723.80. This is the largest amount ever reported in our Mississippi Baptist life. Mississippi Baptists are on the march! Doxology! By all means we should go well over the \$2,000,000.00 in total this year. As a matter of fact with contributions sent directly to south-wide institutions, we are satisfied we went over the \$2,000,000.00 mark this year. However, we do not want to presume but want to know about this matter. Therefore, if all monies for every cause are routed through this office, we will have the record in hand and the church of the Lord Jesus will be sounding out additional testimonies!

According to the auditors report monies sent directly to the institutions were as follows: Mississippi Baptist Hospital, \$73,826.48; Mississippi Baptist Orphanage \$95,756.48; Mississippi Baptist Foundation, \$19,177.79; Mississippi College, \$109,868.61; Clarke

Memorial College, \$34,952.41; Mississippi Woman's College, \$13,396.25; Blue Mountain College, \$7,928.00, making a total of monies for the last Convention year sent directly to these institutions in the amount of \$354,906.01.

Mississippi College led all the institutions in cooperation and conforming to the instructions of the Convention in routing monies through this office by bringing to the office \$77,848.95 of their total amount.

The contributions listed above are in excess of monies received through the Co-operative Program and designations sent through this office as published in a recent issue of the Baptist Record.

III

December, 1947, was the best month of 1947 in the amount of contributions received through this office. For last month we received a total of \$174,910.01 for all causes. In December, 1946, we received only \$131,787.13. Mississippi Baptists are on the march! Business may have leveled off but the business of Mississippi Baptists continues on the upgrade! Doxology!

IV

It is a delight to the hearts of those of us in the offices here that one of our own number, Mr. Wilds, led us as president of Mississippi Baptist Convention during 1947. During this time Mississippi Baptists again set one new record after another in achievement. Mr. Wilds has been one of our safest and most spiritual leaders all along the way.

V

Tuesday evening before Christmas week, we were with Pastor H. A. Milner and the men of Van Winkle Baptist Church. Brother Milner is leading in one of the outstanding works of the state, and we saw men overflow the quarters at a Bible class extension oyster supper. Dr. Lewis, the very fine teacher, was toastmaster. Again he is a Christian physician who proves that time may be had in a busy life for the work of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Alvon Doty and the local girls ensemble delighted us with several songs and instrumental numbers. We had the privilege of bringing the message. This fast growing church continues in just that way!

VI

The other day with Dr. C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Arizona, we paid a delightful visit to that princely Christian, Dr. Chester Swor. It is good to see him with his faith and courage, and to come under the spell of his spiritual personality. He continues to recover, and that recovery will not be too soon for his multitudes of friends.

VII

We were privileged to be in Trinity Baptist Church, Memphis, supplying the pulpit at both services recently. The invitation came through some Mississippi friends whom we were glad to see again. This is a church we feel with a great future. A good congregation was present in the morning and also in the evening.

Christmas week we spent a day (Continued on Page Five)



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### Congratulations

The Baptist Record is proud of its more than 60,000 circulation but we have company in the high circulation bracket. Only a few months ago the Methodists of Mississippi launched the Mississippi Methodist Advocate. The Editor is Rev. Clinton T. Howell. In these few months they have built the circulation to more than 20,000 and are still going strong. May we congratulate both the Editor and the Methodists on this unusual progress.

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### January 11 Is "Every Family Clothe A Family Day"

Sunday, January 11th, has been designated as "Every Family Clothe a Family" day by a relief committee named at the last session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The committee is composed of Owen Cooper of Jackson, Chairman, Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, Grenada, and Rev. Cary Cox, Hazlehurst.

The drive date is set for Sunday, January 11th, to collect clothing, shoes, boots, overshoes, socks, layettes, blankets, patchwork quilts, sheets, towels, piece goods, yarn, thread, ragdolls or stuffed animals, and felt hats.

Each family in Mississippi is urged to bring to the church Sunday at least five pounds of the above mentioned articles. These will be sent by the church to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana. There they will be repacked and immediately shipped overseas.

The shipments overseas will be directed to Baptist workers and the relief gifts will be distributed by Baptist workers through established Baptist agencies.

Seldom have Mississippi Baptists had such a opportunity for so practical an expression of Chris-

tian love and brotherhood. Mississippi Baptists have always responded to a worthy cause and leaders are confidently expecting to secure well over 100,000 pounds of relief goods from the collection on January 11th. A chairman has been named in each county to promote the program. However you are urged not to wait for organized effort. Spontaneous action is urged in order that time may be saved and the benefit of many of the articles be made effective during this winter.

Who knows this gift of clothing may save a life, and more than that, it may make a contact that will save a soul.

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### New Year Resolutions For Churches

Last week we suggested some resolutions for individuals. This week we are suggesting some resolutions for churches. It has been our observation that you get to a place quicker if you know where you are going and on an unknown road a map is very helpful.

Below are some goals that are within reach of our churches.

1. Set a worthy goal for baptisms.
2. See that your pastor is paid a salary that reflects the present unusually high prices. A dollar today will not buy as much as a dollar even one year ago. Salaries of other workers should also be kept in step with the present purchasing power of the dollar.
3. Pay much attention to the young people of the church. They are the leaders of tomorrow and churches with a good children's and young peoples' program now will have adequate leadership in the years to come. We have noticed that parents follow their children to baseball games, football games, and to church affairs. If you want the grown people just use the children as bait.

4. If possible increase the percentage being sent to the Co-operative Program. Many churches keep entirely too much at home and send too little away. We thoroughly believe that charity begins at home but all of it should not stay there.

5. If the church has a library increase the number of volumes. If you do not have one, start one. The State Sunday School Department will be glad to cooperate. The devil will see that plenty of his kind of reading is available.

6. If it is not already in the budget see that a sufficient amount is there to pay your pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Memphis in

May.

7. Organize a Brotherhood. We need to mobilize our man-power just as the women have organized the woman-power of the churches. We take it for granted that the other organizations of the church, such as Sunday School and Training Union, are functioning. If not the same reasons apply to them.

8. If not already functioning, adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record for "Informed Baptists are better Baptists and there is no other way to get the Baptist Record in all homes of the church except through the EVERY FAMILY plan."

9. Stress Tithing, for a Tithing Church not only has money power but spiritual power. The two go hand in hand.

10. Try to enlist every member of the church. If you do not have enough jobs for everybody make some, for idle church members tend to create trouble. Busy church members don't have time for such.

11. At least once a year preferable several times, have a shower for the pastor. This applies to churches of all sizes. It is possible that the pastors of the larger churches do not need it as much as the pastors of the small churches but they will appreciate it just as much. How often have we heard pastors of large churches tell about how they miss the real close fellowship with their members because such is impossible. They will remember the giver long after they have forgotten the gift.

12. While we believe in all of our Mission Program we are firmly convinced that one of our greatest unused sources of enlargement is the organization of Missions by churches. Many churches in Mississippi have organized one or more Missions and even small churches should seek out unchurched areas and start a Mission. Baptists grow by dividing.

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### A Good Cause

The Hospital Commission of the National Baptist (negro) Convention has contracted to purchase the finest piece of Negro property in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a hospital and nurses training school. This building alone cost \$500,000 and is now appraised by government officials at \$750,000. The Hospital Commission was able to purchase the building from the R. F. C. for \$175,000, the downpayment of \$50,000 to be raised by February 15, 1948. They will need \$100,000 to equip it for operation.

The Arkansas Baptist (white) Convention, in its annual session a few weeks ago, unanimously voted a gift of \$10,000. It is our

sincere prayer that the people of other states will also help the National Baptist Convention, numbering 4,500,000, to establish their first hospital and nurses training school.

The majority of us believe that the racial problems of the south can be solved by the people of the south and that the best way to help our negroes is by "helping them to help themselves." If we really believe this, here is our great opportunity to prove it.

And we know of no better way to prove it than by sending a check to the Baptist Hospital Commission, Baptist Hospital Building, Rev. C. C. Brandon, Sr., Secretary, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Ours has already been mailed.

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### Thanks, George

We do not have the space, nor would it be good taste for us to publish many letters similar to the one below, but we just must say thank you somehow for the fine spirit exhibited by Rev. George A. Nichols, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ellisville. His letter in part reads as follows:

"Dear Bro. Goodrich:

How well do I enjoy your timely editorials and appreciate your fine Christian spirit!

I believe in the Baptist Record and its ministries among our Baptist people. I praise God for your conviction and your gracious spirit exhibited through your report.

Sincerely yours,  
GEORGE A. NICHOLS"

—BR—

### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young  
Called and Accepted

E. Travis Styles, Shades Valley, Birmingham, Ala.

Gilbert L. Speake, Seventh Street, Cullman, Ala.

E. T. Jean, Missionary Morgan County Asso., Ala., from 7th St. Ch. Cullman, Ala.

Carlton S. Prickett, First Burlington, N. C. from Woodlawn Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Free B. Pearson, First, Selma, Ala.

D. W. Burson, Wadley, Ala.

A. L. Atkins, Trafford, Ala.

Hugh Van Eaton, Walnut St., Owensboro, Ky.

T. M. Hamby, First, Guntersville, Ala.

Tommy Utely, Oplin, Texas.

Thomas B. Hart, Eldorado, Okla. from Cleburne, Texas.

Vernon Hines, First, Archer City, Texas from Binger, Okla.

John L. Smith, Corona, New Mexico.

J. H. Wright, Levelland, Texas.

Eugene Moore, First Pittsburg, Texas.

E. H. Dickerson, Memorial Church, Dallas, Texas.

T. P. Brown, Selfo, Texas from Monks-town.

W. E. Thorn, Graham St., Abilene, Texas from Amith.

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Calvary Church, Calhoun County, reports a good revival meeting several weeks ago. There were 27 for Baptism and three by letter. \$5,000 was raised to complete the building. The other organizations are doing good work.



## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

### SHILOH IS NUMBER 888

Shiloh Church, Marion County, Rev. Van Walker, pastor, is one of the latest additions to the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

A nice list of 25 names recently was sent in from Shiloh Church. Wiley H. Hunt, whose address is Rt. 3, Tyertown, is the treasurer.

Record readers in Marion County are now listed as follows: Bunker Hill 102, Cedar Grove 37, Columbia First 116, East Columbia 60, Foxworth 105, Goss 72, Greenville 26, Hickory Grove 8, Holly Springs 33, Hub 1, Improve 72, Kokomo 46, New Hope 78, North Columbia 1, Oloh 54, Sandy Hook 6, Spring Cottage 19, White Bluff 1, Clear Creek 43, Shiloh 25.

### REYNOLDS MEMORIAL CHURCH IS NUMBER 889

Reynolds Memorial Church in Coahoma County is one of the newest churches on the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches. A recent list of 56 names has aided the Baptist Record in its effort to reach the 60,000 mark in circulation.

The treasurer is W. A. Waits, whose address is Rena Lara.

Coahoma County Record readers are now listed as follows: Adams-Memorial-Fairview 2, Birdie 2, Clarksdale 258, Dublin 2, Jonestown 21, Lula 37, Lyon 73, Reynolds Memorial 56, Union Chapel 1.

### HOLLOWAY COMES THROUGH

As usual Rev. J. N. Holloway has sent in another EVERY FAMILY list for the Baptist Record. In fact, whenever Holloway is called to a church the Baptist Record knows that an EVERY FAMILY Plan will be coming soon, unless the church is already EVERY FAMILY.

The latest list sent in by Pastor Holloway is Shady Grove in George County. The 88 names he sent plus the one paid subscription already on the list greatly aided the Baptist Record in its effort to reach 60,000 by Christmas. The treasurer is Roy Rouse, whose address is Rt. 3, Lucedale.

George County Record readers are now listed as follows: Agricola 81, Barton 54, Lucedale 149, Rocky Creek 71, Shady Grove 88.

### IRENE CHAPEL IS NUMBER 890

Irene Chapel Church, Forrest County, has joined the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Rev. C. E. Smith is pastor, and Stanley H. Knuse of Rt. 3, Hattiesburg is the treasurer.

Forrest County Record readers are now listed as follows: Brooklyn 62, Carterville 50, Central 62, Dixie 39, Glendale 49, Green's Creek 75, Hattiesburg, First 522, Bonie Street 30, Main Street 596, Fifth Avenue 252, Twenty-eighth Avenue 40, Immanuel 83, Lakeview 13, McLaurin 2, Macedonia 15, Maxie 1, Petal 165, Providence 95, River Avenue 61, Zion Hill 64, Estabuchie 3, Irene Chapel 33.

### BETHLEHEM IS NUMBER 891

Bethlehem Church, Alcorn County, Rev. M. L. Grubbs, pastor, has adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. A list of 44 names was recently sent in. The treasurer is Mack Wilbanks of Rt. 3, Walnut.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

visiting with Brother Bookter and others in Pike County. They just do not make them finer than Pastor Fred Bookter. We enjoyed fellowship with some of the Middleton family.

We also spent one day in Belzoni and vicinity with the John C. Halbrooks and other family members.

We closed our 1947 speaking schedule with a visit to Darling Baptist with a visit to Darling Baptist Church. The congregation filled the house, and the members were in fine spirit. Brother Guy Reedy is the very talented pastor. He is a good preacher, a good song leader, with other qualifications as well. We enjoyed the refreshment and fellowship of the J. B. Lollar home for the noon meal.

Record readers in Alcorn County are now listed as follows: Corinth, First 17, Tate Street 96, Cross Road 1, Glendale 1, Hinkle Creek 29, Holly 1, Kemps 10, Kossuth 36, Liberty Hill 1, Lovejoy 1, Mt. Hebron 1, Rienzi 34, Tishomingo Chapel 11, West Corinth 92, Bethlehem 44.

## Two Volunteer As Missionaries



Two young ladies of Iuka church have recently surrendered for full-time Christian work. Miss Peggie Sanders (right) is preparing herself for Foreign Mission work. Miss Julia Rhodes (left) is preparing to do Home Mission work in the field of music.

Recent visitors to the Baptist Record Office were: Rev. C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen; Rev. Virgil Ratchiff, Hattiesburg; Mary Jane Ratchiff, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. R. W. Bridges, Jackson, Tenn.; Rev. Guy A. Little, Columbia; Joyce Little, Columbia; Mrs. Alton Raley, Mrs. A. A. Scarborough, J. McCollough, Mrs. Earl C. Edwards, Mrs. Inez Cole, Marcia Cole, Herman Lazarus, all of McComb; Mrs. Albert Smith, Kosciusko; Mrs. David S. Homan, Kosciusko; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Booneville; Charles R. Gage, New Orleans, La.; J. B. Dickens, Jackson; Anne Barclift, Vicksburg; P. L. Barclift, Vicksburg; Rachel Waggener, Jackson; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson; Rufus Hardin, Calhoun City; Rose Ellen Goodrich, Clinton.

Rev. Chas. I. Edge has resigned as pastor of Brown's Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama and enrolled as a student at Clarke Memorial College. Mr. Edge has studied at New Orleans Baptist Seminary and is available for a pastorate within reach of Clarke College. While pastor at Brown's Church a new \$40,000 building was erected, a pastorium built and the membership increased from 194 to 435.

# Sunday, January 11th IS Every Family Clothe a Family Day FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

## Things You Can Give:

**Clothing:** New or used (clean and repaired). Shoes, boots, overshoes, socks, etc. Layettes.

**Bedding:** Blankets, patchwork quilts.

**Household Linens:** Goods, yarn, and thread. Rag dolls or stuffed animals. Felt hats.

## Family Goal!

A challenging family goal is approximately 5 pounds of clothing, shoes, bedding, etc., for each person in the family.

It is estimated that 5 pounds of clothing is enough to provide one outfit for a person.

Seldom have Mississippi Baptists had an opportunity for so practical an expression of Christianity as is now presented to them. If the Bible teaches anything, it teaches that Christians should be willing to sacrifice and share with people in need. Multiplied millions throughout the world today need clothing of any and all descriptions. Mississippi Baptists can and should share their abundance with those who have so little.

Your pastor will be taking the lead in this important work. Join hands with him, and see that your church has a worthy collection of clothing and other articles for those who are in such dire need. Pack all articles securely in corrugated paper or wooden boxes, pay the transportation charges and ship to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

## Shipping Instructions:

**PACK WELL**—Place your contributions in strong cardboard boxes and ship PREPAID by express, parcel post or freight. (Check to see which is the cheapest for your packages).

**DO NOT DESIGNATE** your gifts to a particular person. All packages are opened on arrival at New Orleans and are inspected, sorted, folded and mechanically compressed into bales weighing about 100 pounds each. These bales are then wrapped in waterproof paper and burlap. Garments are shipped in bulk where they are most needed.

**PLEASE LIST YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS** on each package so credit can be given and a receipt issued. Also indicate your church.

## Don't Wait!

It is not necessary for you to wait to participate in this program. Go through your own closets and storage places and take out useful articles of clothing and wearing apparel and take them to your church Sunday. Arrangements will be made to have them shipped from the church, express paid, to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

## Mississippi Baptists, This Is Your Program!

All contributions sent to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, will be immediately processed and shipped to Southern Baptist consignees for distribution through Baptists in Europe and Asia.

SEND PREPAID TO:

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST RELIEF CENTER**  
740 Esplanade Avenue - New Orleans 16, Louisiana



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MRS. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

### GOING TO RIDGECREST?

Do you plan to go to Ridgcrest this summer for one of the Sunday school weeks?

If so, you will have to make your reservation through the State Sunday School Secretary. This was decided upon by the Sunday School Board at Nashville and the Ridgcrest Management, and not because we desire it. However, we are glad to help if we can.

The two regular Sunday School weeks are June 24-30 and July 1-7. These are along the same general line as to the program as heretofore.

This year there will be a third Sunday school week of a special nature for pastors, Sunday school superintendents, educational directors, and associational Sunday school officers who cannot go in June or July. This special week is August 12-18, and the program will be on a different plan.

### THE NUMBER IS LIMITED

In order to accomodate more people from more churches, the Sunday School Board has worked out quotas on the following basis: Churches with Sunday school enrollment of 1 to 150, 3 leaders; Churches with Sunday School enrollment of 151 to 300, 5 leaders; Churches with Sunday school enrollment of 301 to 500, 10 leaders; Churches with Sunday school enrollment of 501 to 1,000, 15 leaders; Churches with Sunday school enrollment above 1,000, 20 leaders.

Therefore, we suggest that churches planning to send workers to Ridgcrest this summer for either of these Sunday school weeks get together right away and decide how many and who will go and send to the State Sunday School Secretary the names and a registration fee of \$1.00 for each.

Also, suggest the type of accommodations desired at Ridgcrest. This cannot always be granted, but they will do their best there on it. We here in the state office have nothing to do with that part of it.

### NEW BOOK IS READY

We commend to your attention the most recent addition to the Sunday School Training Course, Adults in the Sunday School by William P. Phillips. Just now it is a particularly significant book, for Adult work has its greatest opportunities and is most urgently needed in our churches.

Adults in the Sunday School is ultimately to replace The Adult Department of the Sunday School in the Adult section of the Sunday School Training Course. For some time to come, however, credit will be offered on both of these books.

In this new volume, Dr. Phillips has concentrated his vision and experience of thirty-five years detailing how a Sunday school can best reach the multitudes of men and women for Bible study. Pastors, educational directors, Sunday school superintendents, as well as Adult workers, should carefully study this book, for without a strong and soundly administered Adult program the entire school and church will suffer.

Adults in the Sunday School is a handbook equally appropriate for workers in class Sunday schools as for larger schools operating on the department basis. It is based on laboratory experience; it is direct and

challenging; it is worthy blue print for the present; it is prophetic of the brighter future of Sunday school work when adults are reached in proportion to their numbers.

### THE BIBLE STUDY WEEK

Reports indicate a hearty response to the suggested Bible Study Week, January 5-9. In all probability there will be hundreds of Mississippi churches, and thousands in the South, that will observe that week in this special way. It surely will be a great way to start the New Year.

If your church for any reason did not complete plans for this special study for this week (the suggested date), then select some other week in January, which time may be more suitable to your church. However, do not pass up this glorious opportunity to give additional Bible study to your people at the beginning of the new year.

Many pastors have indicated their purpose to make a special effort through the Sunday school organization to enroll and members of the church in Sunday school from Juniors up. For those who cannot attend at the church, plan for some home study. The leader may distribute his teaching outline, suggest a reading plan, and provide them STUDIES IN EPHESIANS as guidance material.

The main thing is to provide a time for this special Bible study. If all churches cannot have it the same week, then choose the week that will be most suitable.

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### FRANK THOMAS ORDAINED



FRANK THOMAS

Frank H. Thomas was ordained to the full gospel ministry November 21 by the Woodlawn Baptist church of Vicksburg. Rev. Homer W. Roberson, pastor of the Bowmar Avenue church, was in charge of the ordination service. The ordination council was composed of the pastors of Warren county and the deacons of the Woodlawn church. The ordination sermon was delivered by Rev. Phil J. Walker, Warren county Baptist Missionary.

Rev. Mr. Thomas is a native of Warren county. He is married and has two children and is a student at Mississippi College, Clinton. For several months he has been serving the Woodlawn church, which is one of the new churches of Warren county, as supply pastor. Recently the church extended



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MISS CORRINNE GRIFFIN

Miss Corrinne Griffin, of Laurel, 1947 graduate of Blue Mountain College, and Mississippi and Louisiana BSU mission representative to the Hawaiian Islands last summer, is now in the midst of spending a year in the Islands working in and through the Baptist Church at Wahiawa, Oahu. Co's many friends are remembering her in prayer often, and are thanking God for her Christian witness.

### POTPOURRI

New Baptist Student Centers have recently been opened at the Univ. of S. Carolina, Univ. of Ky., Univ. of Tulsa

him a call to become their full time pastor and requested his ordination.

The Woodlawn church was organized only about two years ago by the Bowmar Avenue Baptist church and Rev. James H. Fairchild, who was at the time Warren county Baptist Missionary. The church has experienced a most remarkable growth since its organization. It began with 19 members and now has a membership of about 150. In the last year the church has erected a lovely \$20,000.00 building and is now carrying on a full time program.

Murray State (Ky.), and Univ. of Ark., and L.S.U., Okla. U., Okla. A & M., and Univ. of N. Mex. will each have a center soon. Mississippi has only two.

We need many, many more . . .

The following comments about Miss. College's Focus Week have been rec'd: "I know that I was never a part of a program so well executed as that one." — Dr. Herbert R. Howard, Tulsa, "Our Lord is still giving us opportunities and blessings as a result of Focus Week." — Jimmy McCaleb, MC. "It was a joy to be . . . in the Focus Week at Mississippi College." — Dr. Elwyn N. Wilkinson, Lexington, Ky. "Focus Week was the happiest, week of my college life." — Florence Lewis, MC. . . Vocational Emphasis Week is scheduled for Jan. 11-18. . . Many college churches observed Student Night at Christmas this year and, from all indications, one or two hundred other Miss. churches had these services. Among those writing or telling me about theirs are: S. C. Ray, of Main St., Hattiesburg; J. H. Street, of Second Ave., Laurel; Jerry Morse, of near Hattiesburg; Gene Crawford, of Black Jack; Emma Grace Ross, of Pelahatchie; Virgil Ratcliff, of Petal-Harvey; A. H. Childress, of Lula; Zeno Wells, of McComb; C. S. Thomas of Drew; C. J. Olander, Morgan City; Frances Kinard, of 41st Ave., Meridian; and Troy Prince and J. L. Corley, of Clarke College.

In last week's issue a picture of Mrs. M. C. Waldrup and Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough appeared on page six. The cuts were in the proper places but the cuts were not labeled correctly. The one labeled Mrs. M. C. Waldrup was really Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough and the one labeled Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough was Mrs. M. C. Waldrup. Errors just will occur and the mystery is that more errors are not made for there are thousands of chances for errors in each issue.

Rev. A. G. Hollis whose address is 806 Sixteenth Street, Meridian, writes that he is open for two or more rural churches as pastor.

## A SUBSCRIPTION LIST FOR THE BAPTIST RECORD

(Read Carefully)  
ON THE EVERY FAMILY PLAN

This form is to be used by the church or Sunday School treasurer in sending names of persons to receive the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Write all names and home addresses very clearly in the space below and send this sheet to the Baptist Record, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

You will be billed monthly for the number of papers received at the rate of 8 1/3 cents per month.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

Is the budget plan adopted by the Church or Sunday School? -----

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### ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENTS



McDonnial

Yarbrough

The above are pictures of two of our fine associational Brotherhood presidents. (Left) S. H. McDonnial is president of the oldest association in Mississippi and probably one of the finest in the Southern Baptist Convention. We speak of Jones County. Jones County has fourteen Brotherhoods.

(Right) E. H. Yarbrough is president of the Lauderdale County Association. Lauderdale is another one of the oldest and most active Brotherhoods to be found. Lauderdale County has ten Brotherhoods.

"A THOUSAND MEN FOR A MILLION DOLLARS FOR CHRISTIAN MISSION THROUGH BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS FOR MISSISSIPPI."

The above is a proposed slogan for the Baptist Brotherhood suggested by E. D. Hurst in an article in the Jan-

uary 1 issue of the Record. We are impressed with its possibilities. We quote what Mr. Hurst said because it is worth repeating.

"The laymen of our churches have a challenge to a great Christian work. The Brotherhood as a unit in our denomination has thrust upon it the opportunity and the challenge to do something BIG for the cause of the church and Christian mission in this state. The denomination in this state has a thousand men who can give at least a thousand dollars per year each for this great work, and begin in 1948. 'A Thousand Men for A Million Dollars for Christian Missions Through Baptist Institutions in Mississippi' ought to be a slogan for the Baptist Brotherhood. This does not account for the tens of thousands with smaller gifts for enlarged programs. Our people need to take an inventory and be enlisted to 'go places' in the work for Christ in this state.

### STATE PRESIDENT CALLS MEETING

Our fine State President Henry Edmonds has called a meeting of all state, district and associational officers for January 20 at ten o'clock in the Baptist Building. The purpose of this meeting as was stated by Mr. Edmonds is to make plans for the State Convention, April 1-2, the District Conferences in the fall and other promotional plans for 1948. Brethren, do not let our state president down.

### An Unusual Watch Night Enjoyed At Northside

One of the most unusual Watch Night services in the state was held by the Northside Baptist Church on New Year's Eve in their new church building which is under construction.

In the midst of unfinished surroundings the people gathered on the first floor of the Educational section and with accompaniment on the marimba sang the Doxology to begin the first service in the new structure. Heat was provided by charcoal fires in large metal drums. Lighting was improvised. The spirit of the occasion made it one of the most enjoyable services the people had ever attended. Following the regular prayer service, there was a period in charge of the church organizations. Then there was a splendid fellowship period with the enjoyment of refreshments and games. At the suggestion of one of the men who said he would like for the first money he spent in 1948 to be spent for God, an opportunity was given for a special offering at the closing midnight hour, and in this spontaneous offering a nice sum was brought for the building fund.

The congregation spent the final minutes of 1947 and the first minutes of 1948 in prayer as a climax to the very first service in the new building, which stands as a mighty testimony to answered prayer.

Rev. W. Lowrey Compere is the pastor of this fast growing church.

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New Hope Church, Jones County, is making progress under the leadership of Rev. S. E. Nix. A full time program has been adopted and a WMU and a Brotherhood organized. All organizations are traveling in high gear.

### 40 & 25 Years Ago

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.  
40 YEARS AGO

Two Louisville Seminary men are going out at the end of this session into the pastorate; Rev. G. S. Jenkins to Louisville and Rev. T. L. Holcomb to Durant.

25 YEARS AGO

Pastor G. C. Hodge has lubricated the whole machinery of his church at Fayette by putting the Baptist Record into every home.

"The 'Booster Builder' is a B.Y.P.U. paper published 'co-jointly' by the Unions of the churches at Lyon, Lula, Coahoma, Birdie and Jonestown, and goes into the states of Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and throughout Mississippi. D. A. McCall is the pastor.

Miss Margaret McRae Lackey has a Christmas poem " 'Tis Christmas Morning, Friend, How Do I Know? Because I feel the happy thrill and glow, That came when a child with wondering eyes, I looked on yuletide gifts with glad surprise. But through the years this glow and thrill has caught a deeper joy for you and me; has taught The Gift that is most dear to me by far, Is guiding darkened souls to see—The Star."

Young Lady—"Were you pleased with the new school, little boy?" Little Boy—"Naw! Dey made me wash my face an' when I went home de dorg bit me, 'cause he didn't know me."

The program of the Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference has been received but too late for use in this issue. The conference will meet with the Batesville Church on January 13 at 9:45 a. m. The following pastors are to have parts on the program: W. F. Garner, J. W. Oliver, Herber Herrington, C. H. Scott, Lunch and fellowship is scheduled for 12:30 and adjournment for 3 p. m.

## --Woman's Missionary Union--

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y—Miss Nell Taylor

### DEKALB W. M. U. GROWS

We have nine members of the W. M. U. that we can really count on and a Business Woman's Circle about 5 months old with twelve members who are faithful. We observed the full week's program during the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The day of prayer on Friday was a blessing to all. Wednesday night the Y.W.A. and G. A. had charge of the prayer meeting hour and gave a program on Foreign Missions.

We have a new Sunbeam Band that meets at the same time the Missionary Society meets.

—Mrs. Lamar Sledge, Pres.

### ENLISTMENT BANQUET—CALVARY, TUPELO

The members of the Woman's Missionary Society had a banquet for all the women of Calvary Baptist Church on Monday night Dec. 15th with Mrs. John S. Phillips, Social Chairman in charge. There were 121 present.

The tables were decorated by Mrs. Rex Reed who centered each table with a different Christmas scene. As the guests entered the dining room, Christmas carols were being sung.

After a three course turkey dinner the President of the W.M.U., Mrs. Robert Fagin, presided and introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. A. L. Crawley of Memphis who gave a beautiful missionary message on "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." Each person present was inspired by this powerful message. Seated at the guest table with the guest speaker and president were the following officers of the W. M. U.: Mrs. W. C. Mathews, Mrs. Reed Mitts, Mrs. Chas. Nash, Mrs. Ralph Wright, Mrs. W. D. Moore and the pastor's wife, Mrs. F. M. Powell.

### LAUDERDALE ASS'N W. M. U. OBSERVES DAY OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

All of the Societies met together to observe the Day of Prayer. Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile and Rev. John Barnes, Hattiesburg were the speakers. The meeting created added interest and participation in the Season of Prayer.

### STEWARDSHIP HELPS AVAILABLE

Mississippi Women remember the excellent Stewardship Messages by Mrs. Carter Wright, who was for many years the Stewardship Chairman for our Southwide W. M. U. Her "story-talks" as she called them, lingered persuasively in the hearts of her listeners. She had been requested by many to compile those in book form. She had just begun that task when the Lord called her Home. Her daughter has assembled and revised the material and the book is ready—STEWARDSHIP AND CHRISTMAS STORIES—Mrs. Carter Wright, price \$1.00. Order from the Baptist Book Store. It carries excellent Stewardship helps for a month by month presentation.

### MRS. APPLEBY OF BRAZIL MAKES A REQUEST

In a recent letter from Mrs. Appleby she earnestly requests her Mississippi friends to join in praying for a Spiritual Awakening in Brazil. She says that Brazil has never known in the 66 years of evangelical work, a

nation-wide revival such as other countries have known. But during the last five years there has come over our people a burden of prayer for one, and a profound conviction that we will have a great Spiritual Awakening in this country. Thousands are calling upon Him for this victory here, and God answers prayer in the twentieth century as truly as He has in any other epoch.

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Spiritual Frontiers. By Courts Redford. Home Mission Board. Paper, 50 cents. The author is assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board holding degrees in sociology and theology from college, university, and seminary. He presents in attractive, readable form home missions as it operates today, a survey of needs in Southern Baptist Convention territory, and a challenge to meet present-day opportunities in home missions.

Amazing Grace. By Louie D. Newton. Home Mission Board. Paper, 50 cents. The life of M. N. McCall, forty-two years superintendent of Baptist missions in Cuba, is ably presented by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention who is journalist, editor, pastor, and biographer. The story is written for young people.

The Ice Cutter. By Philis Sapp. Home Mission Board. Paper, 50 cents. A brilliant young writer in Oklahoma presents her first book for Baptists as she discusses the life of Missionary J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian missions for Southern Baptists. Written for Intermediates, the story will appeal to all age groups.

These Were First. By Maragaret Kime Eubanks and Una Roberts Lawrence. Home Mission Board. Paper, 35 cents. Here are brief biographies of home missionaries. Lucien C. Smith, Frank DiMaggio, Kathryn Sewell, Lewis J. Shuck Rachel Sims, Federico Rodriguez, and Samuel Gorman. They are well done by experienced writers. This book for Juniors is good for mission study, sermon illustrations, and interesting reading.

Strawberry Road. By Margaret Hutchison. Home Mission Board. Paper, 50 cents. Miss Hutchison, who had active part in establishing work among migrants in Arkansas, presents the story of a migrant child following the crops by trailer. It is a lithographed picture story book for Primaries and a worthy successor of Katie of the Canyon, presented last year as the Home Mission Board's first experiment in picture story books.

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### Myrick Takes Forward Step

Myrick, under the leadership of the able pastor, A. L. McGee, plans further development including the enlargement of the church. Only seven months have elapsed since they completed the pastor's home. They have set a goal of \$10,000 by spring on the new improvement. The building committee is already at work. Some of the project plans include (1) pledges by some members to give the second tenth of their salaries to the building fund (2) planting of "God's Acre" in any crop chosen, and contributing the profits to the building fund.

Each Myrick church member appears to be accepting the challenge of Auber J. Wilds, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, to be "Mr. Peptomist," according to the church reporter, Mrs. Charles W. Jordan.



# BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

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MRS. V. R. NETHERLAND

The second Associational Training Union in the state to reach the standard in 1947 was Yazoo. Mrs. V. R. Netherland of Eden is the director. Mrs. Netherland has had a fine crop of officers who have cooperated well thus making this achievement possible. What this association has done most of our other associations can do with the same amount of determined effort. There were six Standard Associations in '47 and we are expecting no less than 10 for 1948.

## TRAINING UNION CONVENTION REPORT

"This was the greatest convention we have ever attended," "My, but we have had a wonderful meeting today" "Wasn't it a grand program", "Say, that crowd really makes you realize the growing interest in Training Union," "I sure am glad I got to come today" and many other expressions like these were what came from those who attended the convention on Tuesday December 30th. It really was a great meeting, with the largest attendance in the history of the convention, and with the largest number of individuals taking part on the program. No less than 140 different individuals had a personal part on the program and did their part well. There were 18 children who told Bible stories, 45 Juniors who had part in the Memory Work, 22 Intermediates participating in the Sword Drill, 13 young people who brought messages of challenge, and five adults who told most interesting human interest stories from the mission fields. Other speakers, singers, etc., brought the number of participants up near the 150 mark. Officers elected for 1948 are-President, Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Charleston; Vice President, Mr. W. C. Morgan, Vicksburg; Secretary, Miss Julia Mae Martin, Laurel. Contest winners in the Intermediate Sword Drill and Young People's Speaking are-Intermediates, 1st place, Sue Cantwell, Tyler-town; 2nd place, Laverne Sanders, Oldtown, Calhoun, Co.; Young People, 1st Place, Lucy Gullick, Aberdeen; 2nd place, Bennie Jean Hartzog, Prentiss. Mr. Gene Nettles of Jackson won the Mississippi College \$100.00 scholarship.

Southern Baptist Sunday schools climbed close to the 4,000,000 mark and Training Unions showed their largest gains. Home Life was launched and reached 250,000 circulation.



MR. W. C. PALMER

"It can be done" says Mr. W. C. Palmer, past director of the Holly Bluff Training Union in Yazoo County, yes leading a Training Union to reach the standard can be done as was demonstrated by this good church. Mr. Palmer had to have help of course, but the leaders were willing to cooperate and then the challenge went to the membership and together they did it. Seven Standard Training Unions last year, how many shall we have this year? You and your church have the answer for one, will yours be one of the number?

## PARADE TO JOIN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS NOT ON A ONE-WAY STREET IN THE SOUTH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BP)—Porter Routh, Southern Baptist statistician, has declared following a survey of Southern states that "The parade to join the Roman Catholic Church, advertised by national magazines through publicity given the reported conversion of several well-known Americans, is not on a one-way street in the South."

Mr. Routh's survey of Southern Baptist churches, covering the period from 1942 to 1947, indicates, he said, "that thousands of nominal Roman Catholics have renounced their vows to the Roman Church and have asked for membership in Southern Baptist churches."

Mr. Routh's findings are given in the First Quarter, 1948, issue of the Quarterly Review published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The survey indicated that "the rethinking of religious values had brought many nominal Catholics into a new relationship with God," Routh said. He stated further, "the dispersal caused by the war brought many nominal Roman Catholics into contact with a vital faith for the first time, according to the testimony of a number of pastors. Several wrote of young men from Catholic homes in the North who attended Baptist churches while stationed in an army camp in the South and became interested in Christianity as a personal religious experience. A number of chaplains reported the conversion of nominal Catholics while in the service."

The new Bulgarian constitution guarantees freedom of conscience and religion and separates the State from the church.

Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, has arranged for regular radio broadcasts once a month from its own studio and over the facilities of Station WHAS, Louisville, a 50,000-watt, clear-channel station. The thirty-minute program will be broadcast on the second Sunday of each month, beginning at 9 a. m., Central Standard time, and will consist of a brief sermon by President Ellis A. Fuller and numbers by the choir of the School of Church Music of the Seminary. Persons hearing this broadcast, or the early morning devotional program from the Seminary, carried each day except Sundays by Station WHAS (5:45 a. m., CST), are invited to write to Professor R. Inman Johnson, of the Seminary faculty, that the popularity and reach of the programs may be known. Suggestions for the programs are invited.

During the recent two-week "Clothes for Europe" campaign sponsored by the River Avenue church, Hattiesburg, 18 pairs of shoes and 200 pounds of clothing were donated. The pastor, Rev. Garland McInnis states that Kaiser Rummels, had charge of the packing and paid the freight on the packages to the Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans.

Circulation of Sunday School Board publications for the Fourth Quarter, 1947, reached 8,430,016.

On Sunday night December 21, 1947 a Christmas pageant, "Return to Bethlehem," was beautifully presented by the Young Peoples' Department of the East-side Church of Rankin County. Both the pageant and music for the evening were under the direction of Mrs. L. S. Polk, Young Peoples' leader.

The Centennial of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta is being celebrated beginning with open house on January 2 at 6:45 p. m. On January 4 Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, former pastor, spoke at the morning service and Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis Pastor and President of the Baptist World Alliance, at the evening service. A Mississippian, Dr. James W. Middleton, is pastor. The membership is more than 4,300.

Rev. R. B. Patterson, who has been serving as Associational Missionary for Calhoun and Pontotoc counties for the past twenty-three months, begins full time work January 1st as Associational Missionary of the Pontotoc County Baptist Association. In his work he will also serve as pastor of the West Heights Baptist Church in West Pontotoc.

Very attractive minutes have been received of the Deer Creek Association which met at Belzoni. The total membership is now 7,476. There were 377 baptisms during the year and total additions were 788.

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## A Baptist Medical Ministry for South America at Asunción



The missionary doctor, so beloved in Asia and Africa, has had little chance to serve Latin America because of legal restrictions. Now Paraguay may have a mission hospital to minister to those who need medical aid but cannot pay for it. In this still bruised and bleeding battle-ground in the heart of South America, Southern Baptists can demonstrate the gospel of healing love. So far as is known, it will be the first Baptist mission hospital project on the continent and the first general hospital opened by evangelical

Christianity in that country. One nurse is already at work; a doctor is on the way. Other volunteers for this type of pioneer Christian service are now in training in the States. They deserve to be appointed when they qualify.

But medical work is expensive. To enter this wide-open door into the hearts of the neglected, long-suffering masses of Latin America, a mission board must have a big increase in funds for its medical work.

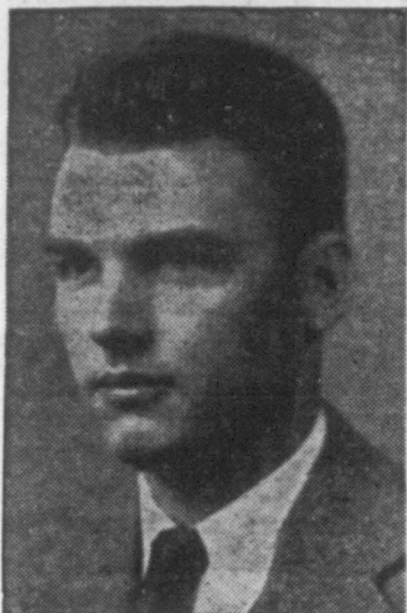
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# Otis Seal Leaves Picayune Goes To Columbus First



W. OTIS SEAL

W. Otis Seal, for the past two years Educational Director of the First Church of Picayune, has resigned in order to accept a like position with the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Dr. S. R. Woodson, Pastor.

Coming to the First Church, Picayune, immediately after he was released from the Armed Services and without previous experience in Religious Education, except as a faithful member of the church from the days of his earliest childhood, from the very

Evidently the writer of the article, "The Story of the Christmas Gifts" was not proud of the way the gifts were handled. This statement is made because of the fact that an article mailed in Jackson, Mississippi with the above title had no name signed. Each week on page four the Baptist Record publishes a notice that unsigned articles cannot be used. Anyone sending articles to the Baptist Record is wasting his time unless the article is signed.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a copy of the 1947 minutes of the Pearl River County Association. The total membership is now 4,355. There were 614 additions during the year, 299 by Baptism.

Miss Fay Haire, Sherman, has been elected vice-president of the general Young Woman's Auxiliary organization of Blue Mountain College.

first he was heartily received by the people of First Church, Picayune. He has grown rapidly with the organizations of the church, association, district and state.

After a get acquainted week at Columbus Mr. Seal will go to Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth for two months training.

Dr. O. P. Estes, Pastor of First Church, Picayune commends Mr. Seal very highly and expresses regret at losing him but states that, "His field of opportunity will be larger and I am sure he will measure up to the demands and expectations of that field."

A committee of deacons composed of Joe L. Lewis, R. R. Watts, and W. F. Johnson adopted resolutions of regret at the going of Mr. Seale.

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1. Read the pamphlet carefully
2. Mark the things you want to do.
3. Call a meeting of your musicians.
4. Adopt a program for 1948.
5. Write your Music Department when you need help.

### BEGIN WORK NOW!

Many of our churches have already written us regarding their 1948 Music Program, but the majority of them are just waiting. 1948 is already here. The program is ready for you. Start Now!

### SCHOOL OF MUSIC NEEDED

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All clothing, bedding, etc., coming into the Southern Baptist Relief Center at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, is sorted and baled before shipment overseas. Recently Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, president of the Baptist World Alliance, watched a workman compress the clothing into 100 pound bales. On learning that more than 600,000 pounds had been contributed in the last 45 days, the World Alliance president expressed the hope that Baptists would continue to send clothing, bedding, shoes, kitchen utensils until the need no longer exists. All Baptist relief goods is being distributed in Europe and Asia under the supervision of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance, Dr. Paul Caudill, Memphis, chairman.

## Department Of Temperance Activities

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The liquor crowd majors on two arguments in their effort to legalize liquor, wine, beer, etc., namely: revenue and bootlegging.

### REVENUE

Their argument is that the legalization of drink will bring in a great revenue, but they do not tell the other side, because it utterly refutes their argument. Looked at solely from the revenue standpoint, the liquor business is a losing business. Records in any place will bear out this fact. In his bulletin "Arkansas and Liquors - 1946" Mr. Clyde C. Colter, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, states that liquor costs the people of his state \$86,733,707 in 1946 as follows: \$52,478,708 - money spent for liquors (beer, wine, and whiskey); \$3,555,000 - money cost of auto accidents and deaths caused by liquor; \$30,700,000 - prosecution of crime caused by liquor. The revenue for the same year was less than six million dollars, gross.

Each one dollar of liquor "revenue" cost the people of Arkansas fifteen dollars plus. This does not include the cost of alcoholic insanity, the loss in earning power caused by liquors; nor does it take into account the most serious loss of all - namely, the moral and spiritual, which can never be calculated in dollars and cents. His statement is sound and sufficient to refute their argument; and yet, it still

has not taken into account the unspeakable damage to homes, hurt to individuals, and loss to schools and other institutions in our society caused by this Public Enemy No. 1.

### BOOTLEGGERS

Their argument is that we can put the bootlegger out of business by legalizing liquor. This is false propaganda given out to deceive the public. The fact is that there is more bootlegging in wet states and areas than there is in the dry. This is borne out by the national records. Two adjoining counties in wet Arkansas, for example, dry Benton County and wet Washington County, show that Benton County had three of the federal retail liquor permits (bootleggers) and of course no Arkansas "legal" dealers. Washington County had seven federal retail liquor permits (bootleggers), eleven Arkansas ("legal") retail dealers, three federal wholesale permits and no Arkansas wholesale permits - so they are wholesale bootleggers. In 1944 Benton County voted dry by a majority of ninety. The wets therefore made an attempt in 1947 to vote it back wet. Because of the tremendous contrast between dry Benton County and adjoining wet Washington County, the dries won this time by more than 2,000 majority, over twenty times that of the first election.

## FALLACIOUS ARGUMENTS FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF LIQUOR

There is not one puncture-proof argument in this world for the legalization of alcoholic beverages. Wherever alcoholic drinks have been legalized for beverage purposes somebody has been deceived by fallacious arguments.

It often happens that good people have honestly been deceived and persuaded to believe some of the fallacies advanced by the liquor crowd. For instance, they say, "You can not enforce prohibition laws, so why not repeal them and get a tax for what people will drink anyway?" Some good folks are being taken in by this foolish argument. By the same process of reasoning, we would have to repeal our fish and game laws, because game wardens are daily arresting people for violating these laws.

Shall we submit to their treachery and repeal our laws? A thousand times no!

It does not require a Solomon to know the remedy. If our Legislature will repeal the Wine and Beer Law as well as the Black Market Law, thus leaving no smoke screen behind which the illicit salesman may hide; if they will then pass a law making it a penitentiary offense of not less than three months for first offense, and more for further violations, our state will soon be so dry that wet legislators will have to go to Louisiana and Tennessee to quench their thirst.

They know this, and that is the reason they would fight to the last to keep effective laws from being passed in our state. How long will our good people in Mississippi allow themselves to be "kidded" into swallowing such arguments as the liquorites put forward? When they tell you that prohibition cannot be enforced, please remember the simple remedy that has been suggested. If such a law were passed, the citizens of our state would respect it, and these hell-holes along our highways would disappear like the morning mist.

Our state could pass other laws just as drastic, and it ought to be done. Instead of being duped by these agents of the liquor industry, we need to put on some fighting clothes, and tell them to get out of our state and get out fast. The liquorites harp on legalizing for the "control" of the liquor business. There is no such thing as "control" with legalization. The only way to control this nefarious business is to kill it dead! dead! dead!; and it can be done.

Instead of controlling the liquor business, if well entrenched, it controls the amount of food many poor children have to eat, the Christmas joy that many poor children can never have, the number of bruises inflicted on many poor wives, the number of sleepless hours spent by mothers and wives, frantically awaiting the return of husbands and children.

The liquor business, when well entrenched, controls a large number of people who would otherwise be at church. The liquor business sometimes controls what is preached in the church and what is taught in the school. The same infamous business is now controlling such an enormous amount of grain that thousands of people will have to starve, in order that the pauperizing, death-dealing "fire water" may

flow abundantly. It now controls more girls as barmaids than are enrolled in all of our American colleges.

Wait a minute, we are not through yet. It controls legislature, and even our National Congress. It had such an enormous control in the recent World War that many vessels crossed the seas loaded with beer and whiskey, when our men were dying for lack of reinforcements and supplies.

And some folks talk about legalizing it to CONTROL it!

Another favorite argument of the liquorites is legalize and put the bootlegger out of business. They have told that lie so much that they even seem to believe it themselves. Just a little fifth grade school boy reasoning will help one to see that the bootlegger can do a much better business if he does not have to go to a state line to get his wares. Moreover, he has the prestige of the legalized business to protect him. No, the legalization of liquor does NOT stop bootlegging. Statistics and observation prove this fact undeniable.

The liquorites think they have a stock argument in the word "taxes." How they do love that word! They ought to love it, for with it they have blinded multitudes to the evils of liquor traffic. The truth is, that when the accounts are completely balanced, there is not one cent of profit in liquor taxes. And if there were profits, can they pay for the lives that are being dashed to pieces along our highways because of drunkenness? This is a daily occurrence. What father or mother would be willing to sacrifice his son or daughter for the sake of taxes even up to millions of dollars? Yes, this favorite argument is fallacious also.

Another puerile argument is that there is more drinking under prohibition than under legalization. Such an absurd argument hardly deserves a refutation. Even morons can see the falsehood of such declarations. Only one convincing illustration is necessary here. Shortly after the inauguration of national prohibition this writer heard a city judge in Chicago say that before the coming of prohibition, he had in his court on Monday mornings around one hundred and twenty drunks; that after its coming he then had from five to seven drunks for Monday morning court docket. If the true facts could be known, that would be about the ratio for the whole country, so do not accept this silly argument.

Good people of Mississippi, do not be misled by fallacious arguments. Friends of liquor have confessedly and designedly weakened our prohibition laws with the hope of getting you disgusted with prohibition, so that you will consent to legalization. To be victimized by their plot would be like a farmer who has his sheep pasture wired against wolves, but because a wolf breaks through occasionally and gets a sheep, he resolves to remove the fence entirely and hopes the wolves will leave his sheep alone. No, let's not remove the fence that we have, but stop up the holes. Let's encourage our dry legislators to stiffen their backbones and fight for improvement in our dry laws, rather than succumb to the machinations of the liquor crowd.

DR. A. A. KITCHINGS.



## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

### WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT GOD.

Isiah 40:28-31; Matt. 6:9; Jon. 14:8-14; Acts 17:22-31.

I. JEHOVAH. 28, 29. 1. Everlasting God. "Hast thou not known?" His people had opportunity to know. Jehovah had cared for His own through all their days and yet were there the discouraged whom the prophet must remind that the everlasting God had never left them nor forsaken. "Jehovah" is His name, and the very name means "the One who continues from all eternity to all eternity" forever the same. 2. From all eternity? Then He antedates all time and, therefore, all created things. He is the cause of all that is, creator of all. There must be a cause, a creator, else there is a creation without a cause, a creator. We believe the cosmos is a creation, and "the Creator of the ends of the earth" is Jehovah. 3. Unfailing, Untiring. "Fainteth not, neither is weary," describes a Being whose strength, power, potency, is without stint or limit. Through a hundred generations He slumbers not nor sleeps but His watchful eye lights the path and guides the feet of those who trust Him; His arm withers not, but reaches across all distances to the succor of those who cry to Him for help; His might holds each glittering star in its orbit, hangs every flashing jewel that gleams in the heavens fast on the sable brow of night. 4. Wisdom. He is all of that! Wisdom! perfect! Our poor attempts to understand him are baffled by the plenitude of a wisdom so profound that no man may hope to plumb its depths, so sublime that all efforts to scale its heights are exhausted in the foothills that lie before the height. 5. Renewer. "He giveth power to the faith." When strong men grow weary of tribulation and the toll of the long day, when patient women endure, till almost all of strength to carry on is gone, He gives to the exhausted one the beed of needed strength. 6. Supplier. "His that hath no might". With this needy one. He exchanges strength for the look of faith.

II. FATHER. Matt. 6:9; Jon. 14:8-14. 1. The fact. The precious fact of the fatherhood of God is being tragically neglected in this generation. We are told that our blessed Lord Jesus is recorded as having applied this title to His Father and our Father, to His God and our God, more often than any other title He might have used. 2. Character. "Who art in heaven". These words of our Lord do not mean to localize God, to tell us where He is, primarily, but to tell us the sort of God He is—God of the heavenly heart, the heavenly love, the heavenly mind, the heavenly character; to make us know what marks of perfection make Him the perfect Father. 2. The Revealer. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." Here is the claim, never made by any other sane man, of identity with God. Jesus made the claim over and again, of identity of essence with God. When Jesus acted God was acting. When Jesus walked through Samaria to go to Galilee, he left in the sands of the roadway the tracks of God. When He wept at the tomb of Lazarus, He shed

the tears of God. 3. Exalter. "Believe," "Believe", over and over more. He exacts this of His hearers. 3. Commissioner. "Greater works than these shall ye do." Ye shall do greater works than these. He did not say "Greater miracles;" He said greater works, and that is the task He has set for all His faithful. 6. Supplier. From my Father and, "Because I go unto the Father." Ye shall be able. Mars Hill, the Areopagus. The Supreme Council of the city.

III. STRANGER. "AN UNKNOWN GOD." 1. Place.—Athens. 2. People.—Athenian philosophers 3. Preacher.—Paul. THE CHRISTIAN CONCEPTION OF GOD. 1. Maker of all, therefore Himself not made. The Athenians made their gods of gold, silver, wood, but the Christian God is not thus made, but has made all things. 2. Present everywhere. "Dwelleth not in temples made with hands," is not less present outdoors than in, anywhere than everywhere. 3. Sufficient. No man blacks God's shoes, shines the base of His body in a temple, gives Him food or drink. Only way you can serve Him is to serve His people. 4. Giver. "He Himself giveth too all life and breath and all things." That is a good name for our God — The Giver. No one of us has a thing which he did not receive from God. Mull that over in your thinking, now. 5. Commoner. "He made of one every nation of men." That's all! "The colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under the skin." Yes, they are! God made them that way. Dago and Sheeny and Jap, are all kinfolks of yours. Despise them at your peril, neglect them, if you dare. 5. Object of the high quest. "That they should seek God." This the only business of all men. Let them each pursue his trade in order that he may seek God and you will find in whatever task. One man found God while minding sheep, another found Him while threshing wheat, and still another found Him while driving an ox-team, and so the table might go on endlessly. 6. Vital Element of human existence. "In Him we live and move and have our being". No way to get beyond the bounds of His being. Men could no more live apart from Him than fish could live out of water. 7. Commander. He treats ignorance with indulgence. "The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked." Now see what follows: "Now He commandeth man that they should all everywhere repent." (a) The man who knows has a responsibility. (b) Christ has invited. (c) Judgement is coming. For these reasons repent.

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Clinton, December 20, 1947. In the "Who's Who" contest sponsored annually by the Tribesman, the Mississippi College Annual, Hershel Saucier of Biloxi and Miss Jewel Cole of Paynes, were named Mr. and Mrs. M. C. by popular vote of the students based on character, personality and scholarship.

Saucier was in the Naval Air Corps during the war and since returning to Clinton has received many honors. He is now president of the student body, captain of the track team and was selected as one of thirteen Mississippi College students to be included in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Miss Cole is a fellow in the Department of physical Education, president of the student government organization for women and was also chosen to be included in Who's Who among students of American Universities and Colleges.

Other winners in the contest are Miss Carroll Overton of Jackson who won three places, most charming, friendliest girl, and most versatile girl; H. R. Green, Crystal Springs, best athlete; J. W. (Billy) Rogers, Collins, friendliest boy; Charles Tolbert, Philadelphia, most promising senior; Pete Evans, Union, most influential boy; Agnes Mathews, Tuskegee, Ala., most influential girl; Ethelyn

We appreciate a copy of the minutes of the Walthall County Baptist Association. The minutes indicate that the grand total of contributions for all purposes was \$50,817.

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### Mississippi Calendar of Prayer

- January 12 — Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, President of Trustees, Clarke Memorial College.
- January 13 — Statewide Vacation Bible School Clinic.
- January 14 — Lawrence T. Lowrey, President Blue Mountain College.
- January 15 — Miss Frances Townsend, Associational Training Union Director, Yalobusha County.
- January 16 — Hiram B. Smith, President Simpson County, Brotherhood.
- January 17 — W. Alex Taylor, Trustee Clarke Memorial College.
- January 18 — O. H. Longcoy, President District Seven Brotherhood.



MR. HERSHEL SAUCIER

Eudy, Cleveland, most intellectual girl; Maurice Clayton, New Albany, most intellectual boy; Nell Campbell, Gulfport, most typical freshman girl; Frank Maxwell, Memphis, most typical freshman boy; Wayne Coleman, Louisville, most handsome; Billy Day, Louisville, most talented boy; Gloria Haynie, New Orleans, most talented girl.

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### Quarles Leads Ellisville In Revival Meeting--10 Added

"The Ellisville Baptist people experienced a soul stirring revival during the week of October 27 through November 2. Reverend Chester L. Quarles, now pastor of Sylacauga, Alabama, First Baptist Church and formerly of Leland, Mississippi was the guest preacher. His messages were warm with spirit and truth, and his testimony was strong in the praise of God.

The emphasis throughout was a Bible conference with the morning services given to expositions of the Sermon on the Mount. The evening services were given to the teaching of the book of Phillipians.

There were ten additions during the meeting.

#### RESOLUTION OF BETHLEHEM CHURCH

WHEREAS, Brother and Mrs. R. H. Daniel have faithfully, loyally, and efficiently served us these past three years, and

WHEREAS, Brother and Mrs. Daniel have built up all of our Church organizations, and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Baptist Church owes them a great debt of gratitude and love.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Bethlehem Church express to them our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for their faithful and loyal service, and their untiring efforts in serving us.

2. That they may know how much they have meant to our Church in serving us humbly and loyally these past three years.

3. That we shall never forget their work, and their patient and faithful leadership among us.

4. That our Church has been blessed, our individual lives have been made richer and our spiritual outlook deepened by their labors among us.

5. That our prayers, good wishes, friendship, and love go with them in their new field of work.

6. That we wish for them always good health, great happiness, prosperity, and an abundance of God's blessing. May their new field mean much in God's Kingdom work.

7. That a copy be spread on the minutes book of this Church: a copy be given Brother and Mrs. Daniel, and a copy be sent the Baptist Record.

Dees W. Easterling

R. R. Gordon

C. T. Smith

Resolutions Committee

### Warren Executive Committee Adopts 1948 Program

The Executive Committee of the Warren County Association recently met at the First Church and elected the following officers: Rev. Phil Walker, Chairman; Rev. Richard Bradford, Vice-Chairman; Harry Sherard, Clerk; R. L. Flowers, Treasurer; O. L. Chambers, Music Director; Dr. D. Swan Hayworth, Relief Chairman; and Rev. Frank H. Thomas, Publicity Director.

Plans were made for the following Associational organizations: WMU, BTU, and Sunday School.

Plans were outlined for the State-wide Evangelist Conference which will be held in Vicksburg February 24 - 27. Dr. Hayworth was named Chairman of the Arrangements Committee. The committee voted to accept the week of April 5 - 8 for the purpose of conducting a Sunday School Institute in Warren County in cooperation with the State Sunday School Department. The committee also designated the week of October 3 for a BTU enlargement campaign.

### Bay St. Louis In Good Year

All of 1947 has been a great year for the First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis. Rev. John T. Dearing the pastor says: "There have been 18 additions by Baptism and 29 by letter."

A chapel was purchased and reconstructed on the church lot. The old church was taken down and the material was used in building the Sunday School plant which completed the church structure as a whole. The church raised \$12,000 for the building fund and gave \$500 for missions and benevolences. The pastor's salary was raised \$40 per month.

The church has actively aided in the support of an associational Missionary. Over 80 per cent of the members are active contributors to the church.

The Sunday school has grown as well as the church. One additional class has been formed, and three new teachers added. The average attendance has gained from 31 to 65. An active Brotherhood has been organized and the church has contributed more than \$100 in missions. A fine co-operative spirit is evident between pastor and members and leaders say there is no doubt that there will be an increase in both the Sunday School and Church in 1948.

### Auburn WMU Active 19 Members Are Enrolled

The Auburn Woman's Missionary Union in the Lee Association is enjoying an active program. They have enrolled 19 members. Mrs. B. H. Cayson is president of the group.

A Christmas program using young people was given under the leadership of Mrs. J. V. Gregory, young people's leader. A fund is built by each member's contribution on her birthday which is used to fix food boxes for others. At Christmas 14 shut-ins were remembered.

Plans for the year include landscaping the church yard and equipping the kitchen in the new building erected to replace their house lost by fire early last year.

Generous response was given to the over-seas relief offering by this group recently when a duffel bag was shipped full of clothing. Mrs. H. T. Marlin serves as secretary for the WMU.

#### T-5 CHESTER Q. MITCHELL

On January 5, 1945, in the Belgium Bulge of World War II, our precious one gave his life for our country. He was one of the first war dead to be brought back home. He was laid to rest in a final resting place, at home midst his loved ones and friends, in the Paul Cemetery.

The Rev. R. B. Smith, Pastor of Hardy Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services. After then the V. F. W. took full possession. Chester Q. was a member of Hardy Church. He leaves his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mitchell, three sisters, one brother, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Sleep on, Dear One,  
You are sadly missed  
But there's no sorrow  
In that land of bliss.

Some day we'll meet you  
On that beautiful shore  
Where there'll be no more parting  
But sweet peace forevermore.

—His Aunt ALICE TRIBBLE.

Pontotoc: In recent Sundays there have been four baptisms, two from other denominations, and one by letter. The church has voted to appoint a committee to receive contributions for a \$50,000 Sunday School annex

### Savell Is Calhoun County Missionary Succeeds R. B. Patterson



REV. C. A. SAVELL

Rev. C. A. Savell, pastor at Vardaman, has resigned in order to accept the position of County Missionary in Calhoun County.

For the past 23 months Rev. R. B. Patterson has served as Missionary in Calhoun and Pontotoc Counties. Beginning January 1, Mr. Patterson will be the Pontotoc County missionary.

Rev. Mr. Savell is well prepared for his new work having had experience as an Educational Director, Pastor, and Chaplain. He is a graduate of the Southern Seminary at Louisville.

During his pastorate at Vardaman he led the church to erect a modern house of worship and under his leadership New Hope Church is also erecting a new church.

Mrs. Savell is the former Gwen Johnson of Springfield, Missouri and is a graduate of the WMU Training School at Louisville. There are two children, Van and Rickey.

Mr. Savell will assume his new duties January 1.

#### KOSCIUSKO WOMEN BUSY

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Second Baptist church at Kosciusko is going forward under the leadership of Mrs. H. L. Jones, as president. They have two circles with 15 enrolled. They are alert and active.

In the European Relief work these women have sponsored bundles valued at \$225, and community missions work valued at \$375. The week of prayer for foreign missions was observed with good programs and offerings. The women of this church desire to do more than ever in 1948, and according to Mrs. Albert Smith, they are saying to all the church members, "Come over and help us."

### McComb Church Calls Rev. James A. Bryant

Rev. James A. Bryant has been called to the pulpit of Southside Baptist church of McComb, and has accepted the call, effective Feb. 1, 1948.

In this capacity, Rev. Mr. Bryant, who has served as pastor of Calvary Baptist church, near McComb for some time will succeed the beloved retired pastor of the church, Rev. R. R. Jones, who recently resigned, and retired from active ministry after nearly thirty years as pastor of Southside Church.

#### J. R. SHILLINGS

He was born July 11, 1891 and died August 5, 1947. He was 56 years of age, survived by his wife, Mrs. J. R. Shillings, Drew; Ann and Peggy, Drew; Mrs. Vergie Stafford, Baton Rouge; Mrs. John Wilson, Greenwood; two sons-in-law; one granddaughter; four brothers; his father and two sisters.

Funeral services were held August 6 at the New Hope Baptist Church near Drew, Miss. with the pastor, Rev. Howard Scarborough in charge, assisted by Rev. J. D. Aycock, and Rev. S. B. Barrington.

His cross was heavy, but his bearing it was an inspiration to all who knew him. He had suffered long, but he was never heard to complain, but rather he would ask us to "ask the Lord to keep pulling for us". His attitude toward his suffering drew us closer to God.

His faith grew stronger. He believed those words, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden. . . ." Today he is with Jesus in a land where his faith can find a perfect expression.

He believed in the power of prayer and in God's hearing our prayers.

That chastening hand sometimes doth sorely rest

Upon me while the storms of sorrow fall,

Yet draws me till I lean upon his breast,

And find in Him my strength, my hope, my all.

Oh, loving hand, when shadows deepen fast,

And in the gloom I hear death's billows foam,

Draw me so near my eyes rest at the last

Upon the face of Him who bears me home!

By his pastor,  
HOWARD SCARBOROUGH.

### REV. T. J. FOWLER PASSES AFTER LONG, USEFUL LIFE

Rev. T. J. Fowler native of Kosciusko, retired Baptist minister and former prominent educator passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. N. Mabry, at Shaw on December 27. He was born in Attala county and spent most of his life there, since 1850.

Funeral services were held at Edgefield Baptist church with the Rev. Mr. Anglin of Huntsville officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Serving as active pallbearers were his great grandsons.

Prominently identified with Attala's educational system as well as religious circles, he taught school for 50 consecutive years and served as superintendent of education for three terms. Widely known and respected throughout the county and state, he remained interested in public affairs though confined to bed by infirmities for many years.

Besides his daughters, Mrs. Mabry he leaves three other daughters: Mrs. Mindoro Jennings and Mrs. Emma Jennings of Merigold and Mrs. H. W. McCool, Belzoni; four sons, John M. Fowler, McCool; James H. Fowler, Yazoo City; William G. Fowler, and J. C. Fowler, Kosciusko; and a number of great and great-great grandchildren.

Miss Vivian Holder, Sunday School Secretary of Indian Hill Church in Greene County states that a fine Christmas Program was presented by the church on Sunday December 28. Rev. Luther K. Turner is pastor. There were over 100 gifts to those present, a \$10 gift to a crippled woman and many fine gifts to the pastor and his wife. R. S. Henderson has been elected as Superintendent of the Sunday School.